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LSUS to get Delta Sigma Theta chapter

By ERIC BANKS
Managing Editor

Seven LSUS students have been inducted as pyramids into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a predominantly black sorority with a world wide membership of over 120,000.

"This is a 'historic time because these pyramids are the first group of young women on this campus to represent a black sorority," said Zenobia Hikes, assistant director of admissions and student recruitment.

The seven became Delta pyramids when the sorority accepted their application for an LSUS chapter.

The pyramids will become active in Delta Sigma Theta when they have fulfilled the requirements set by the sorority. These include public service work within the community and what Hikes calls, 'being on line'

— a time when the inductees learn about the historical and cultural aspects of Delta Sigma Theta.

Pledges must also maintain a 2.5 grade point average and have completed at least one semester of college.

The pyramids are: Sheila Danzell, junior, a chemistry and chemical engineering major; Wanda Dooley, senior, computer science and electronics; Debra Dotson, senior, accounting; Leslie Scott, senior, accounting; Stephanie Rogers, junior, accounting; Cynthia Trahan, senior, elementary and special education, and Patricia Raphael, junior, accounting.

The LSUS chapter will be identified by as yet unassigned Greek alphabet letter names.

The pyramid's co-sponsors are Zenobia Hikes, Dr. Rosetta Reed, associate professor of marketing, and Mary Bowman, assistant librarian.



photo by Kevin Jerome

Delta Sigma Theta pyramids

Bookstore offers more pain relief

By GWEN WESTBROOK
Contributing Writer

You asked for it—you got it! That is, you got at least part of what you asked for in a recent student survey about the book store. According to Cindy Bickham, the bookstore manager, the bookstore can now supply LSUS students with aspirin and various aspirin-free headache remedies.

When told about the products, Celia Bordelon, an LSUS freshman business major, said, "Getting ready for finals, that's what it is."

Hopefully the students will not need throat lozenges and cough drops to help them through their finals; but those items, too, are now on the bookstore shelves.

Bickham wasn't very optimistic, however, about being able to obtain the athletic equipment, such as tennis balls, racquet balls and gloves. She said

"If they try to expand and they fail, it's going to cost us."

— Kevin Dowden

that though she has asked for bids on the items from several companies the prices she has been quoted have made the purchase of the items untenable. For instance, the lowest price she has received on a can of tennis balls, is \$3.00; and as Bickham said, the students can buy them cheaper than that at the discount stores.

Kevin Dowden, an LSUS pharmacology major, thinks it is a bad idea to expand the bookstore anyway. He said, "If they (the bookstore) try to expand and they fail, it's going to cost us." Kevin expressed concern that expan-



Cindy Bickham

ding the bookstore might cause the price of books to go up, which was the student's main complaint about the bookstore.

Speaking of books, Bickham asked that the students keep in mind that the bookstore will be holding a book buy-back the last three days of the semester. The hours are: May 9, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; May 10, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; May 11, 8:30 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Truman noted

By LETHUY NGUYEN
Staff Writer

Dr. Richard Haynes, professor of history at Northeast Louisiana University spoke yesterday of Harry S. Truman, the man and the president.

The forum, sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the department of history and political science, and the college of continuing education, and special projects, was free and open to the public.

Haynes who is also the author of *The Awesome Power: Harry S. Truman As Commander-in Chief* detailed the life and times of President Truman.

In describing the leadership abilities of Harry S. Truman, Haynes said "his style was awkward as a dog walking on hind legs, but he had substance."

"Truman was a man noted for his candor and directness," Haynes said.

Haynes characterized four

major factors that helped shape Harry Truman, the man: (1) his family, (2) the life he led in Missouri, (3) his devotion to full masonry, and (4) his experiences in World War I.

The two people that had the most influence on his life were his mother and wife, but he was far from a "mama's boy," Haynes said.

In a story about how he met his wife in Sunday school, Truman said this of his wife, "I met this beautiful blue-eyed, golden haired girl who was my first sweetheart, she doesn't have gold hair anymore, but she's still my sweetheart."

Just before his death, a reporter asked Truman how he would like to be remembered. Truman replied by recalling an epitaph on a tombstone he had once seen, "Here lies Jack Kambden, he done his damndest, so did Harry Truman."

editorial



Budget reform:



**Up, up
and
away**

Though Gov. Buddy Roemer's proposed closure of Southern University-Shreveport is a shock, it is a step in the right direction of economic recovery.

More of Roemer's proposals include a 50 percent reduction in state supplemental pay for police and firefighters, a 50 percent reduction of road maintenance funding for all non-federal highways, and a reduction of state employees' workweeks from 40 hours to 36 hours. These and other budget cuts were presented to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on Monday. Roemer claims that these cuts comprise 80 percent of a needed \$800 million trim.

Many people jumped into an uproar with Roemer's budget announcements. These people do not realize the severity of the depression in which we are presently immersed.

In order to pull ourselves out of this gorge, we need to implement reform. More often than not, reform is an unpleasant experience. Some people will lose their jobs, and some will lose their property. Along with these losses, there will be the tendency to lose hope. People can survive without material goods; but when pride disappears, so does the will to succeed.

If we can make it through the next couple of years, we will emerge victorious. Things will only get better, so grin and ignore it!

Look out, you moochers

By RODNEY MALLETT
Sports Editor

The other day I was feeling lousy so I pulled up in the parking lot in front of BH to find a parking place. There were cars parked in the middle of the lanes. They were waiting for someone to pull out so they could pounce on a parking place like a vulture on a piece of raw meat.

I had seen this ploy used before by older people and folks with broken bones at the malls during Christmas time. But this was a nice day, and the people were young.

I have seen laziness, before but this is the worst. People are so lazy that they sit in their cars

and wait rather than park behind HPE and walk to class.

It is their right to do so, but when I tried to go around them to get back on the road to park out at the HPE parking lot, I got some dirty looks and some not too friendly gestures.

I am not saying that all parking lot vultures are fat, but the few I have seen since I began schooling here are hurting for exercise. These vultures are probably the same people who use the elevator to get to the second or third floor instead of using the stairs.

Hell, it is spring and the weather is nice. If the vultures are going to get here 15 minutes early to find parking places, why can't they park, walk and

enjoy the nice weather as well as get exercise.

For those of us that are not vultures but like to have fun, here is a neat trick I learned over the Christmas holidays. Walk out to your car while the vulture is hovering over your parking place. You'll know you have his attention when his car revs up and he starts drooling like a dog about to receive a milkbone. Then drop off your books and close your door and head back to the UC.

It drives them crazy. And since they insist on crowding the driving lanes and taking the close parking places away from those who are sick or have a busted leg, we may as well have a little fun.

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letters

Jews once the victim, now the aggressor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a recent letter from Mr. Monty Pomm (Almagest — April 8, 1988) concerning an editorial comparing the recent beatings of Palestinians with atrocities committed against the Jews during Nazi Germany.

Before I begin commenting on the letter, I would like to mention that I have absolute and complete sympathy for the Jews, and the unbelievable persecution and torture they endured during the Holocaust. Also I share their struggle and everyone else's in preventing such tragedies from ever happening again — not only to the Jews but to all nations and

human beings including against my fellow Palestinians.

But what must be clear is that the torturing methods of the Israelis which include beatings, detention, deportation, annihilation of villages, killing or maiming protesters by the military or Jewish settlers on the West Bank and Gaza are no different from the Nazi methods used against the Jews in Germany and Europe. The incident of breaking the limbs of Palestinians to prevent them from protesting the killing and torturing of their brothers is in every way a Nazi method.

Mr. Pomm's description of the incident as an isolated "aberra-

tion which was publicly recognized, investigated and the guilty parties punished," is an outrageous comment. The aberration in the incident is the fact that miraculously the story managed to make it through the censorship and harassment of right wing Israeli government. Proof of such censorship is the recent attempt of the Israelis to cover up the true cause of death of Tirza Porat in the village of Beita. The little girl was accidentally shot by her own guard. The killing was, as usual, blamed on the Arabs; and as a result, "the guilty parties were punished." The whole village of Beita was leveled and all orchards

destroyed, not to mention the deportations and detentions that followed the accident.

What the world must understand is that through the forty years of military occupation, the Palestinians have not been treated by the Jews any better than the Jews were treated by the Nazis. No one seems to mention the numerous massacres against the Palestinians by the Israelis or by others.

Our struggle for a national homeland, on our land, and our fight against aggression is comparable with any other struggle for self-determination including the Holocaust. We are suffering as much as the Jews did during

Nazi Germany — ironically, at the hands of those who were victims themselves.

The comparison between the beating and killing of Palestinians and the Holocaust is a valid one, unless Mr. Pomm regards the struggle of his people to be of some sort of a higher class not worthy to be compared to the Palestinians.

The Holocaust is the most horrible thing a nation can go through, but it must be pointed out that the Jews are not the only ones who suffered. Almost every nation in history had its "Holocaust." The Russians lost 20 million to the hands of the Nazis in WWII, not to mention the many more millions killed by Lenin and Stalin. The Turks massacred 1.5 million Armenians in a similar attempt to exterminate the population. The Algerians lost 1.5 million in French concentration camps; the Libyans suffered the same from the Italians. I can go on forever; yet, it seems to me that the Israelis are the first to resort to their history to justify unjustifiable actions.

It is the Israelis who are refusing to negotiate, not the Palestinians. The Israelis continue to refuse dealing with the PLO which is undoubtedly the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Simply being a Palestinian, one is, if not spiritually then physically, a member of the PLO.

The reason the Palestinians in the West Bank refused to meet with Shultz is because if such a meeting took place, then it would be achieving exactly what the Israelis want — the separation and alienation of the outside resistance from the inside resistance, thus breaking it in half.

The PLO has accepted all UN resolutions, including the right of Israel to exist. The challenge and test is for Israel to recognize the Palestinians' rights for an independent state on the West Bank and Gaza.

Anyone studying the legitimacy of Israel can conclude its illegitimacy even during its 1948 borders. Still, Palestinians are willing to sacrifice and compromise. The Israelis must push their radicals aside, and so will the Palestinians. The Palestinians want peace as much as the Israelis seem to. It is the Israelis who must withdraw to the 1948 borders for peace to take place.

Let us all hope that this crisis will end soon to bring legitimacy for Israel, a national sovereign state for the Palestinians, and peace and prosperity for both.

Mike Abdul-Saud,

Mallett lacks understanding....

Dear Editor:

This reply is in response to the article "Racism Has No Color" printed in the April 8th edition of the Almagest. I have noticed several Almagest articles whose authors have stuck both feet in their mouths. The "Racism Has No Color" article is no exception.

When it comes to writing on a subject as touchy as racism, tact and most importantly good judgment should be used. The term minority includes others in addition to blacks. Since no others were mentioned, I feel it is my duty as an Afro-American to respond to the article on racism.

The author of the article, Rodney Mallett, said that he thinks "it is unfair for white or black people to express how the blacks are discriminated against whereas it seems the whites never are." While I do not dispute that whites sometimes are discriminated against, especially when they throw "down" money at minority gas attendants, I must mention that compared to the discrimination of minorities by whites, Mr. Mallett's "minor incident" is almost irrelevant. But since I cannot justify any act of prejudice, I can only say that Mr. Mallett should have expressed his thoughts to the gas attendant.

Mr. Mallett mentioned the "let's stop black-on-black crime" campaigns around the city. Because of long suffering from economic oppression, there is much "black on black crime." Through centuries of oppression and whites looking-out for themselves instead of, as Mr. Mallett suggests, helping care for everyone's needs, blacks have become accustomed to coping with their own problems. Since in Shreveport blacks are still segregated in neighborhoods, in

schools, in churches, and in other areas, I see no reason they they should not promote improvements within their own race.

Furthermore, Mr. Mallett brought up the subject of Black Entertainment Television (not Network). Would he be satisfied if the name were changed as, in the University Center, the Plantation room was changed? The room is still the same room with the remembrance of its original name just as it would be if a different name were given to BET. No, I think Mr. Mallett would have to go a step further; wipe out all such minority programming to clear his mind of its existence.

Subsequently, Jesse Jackson and any other minority leader should speak out if the word "white" is used as a pejorative racial term. Whites do not need to use the term "white" to differentiate because of the numerous television shows that are exclusively white with the exception of the occasional token minority character. The "white" idea is not applied only to programs. The numbers of minorities seen in commercials compared to whites can be counted by a person with the mentality of a three-year-old child.

Mr. Mallett mentioned a final point discussing discrimination against white athletes by white owners — I can safely say white owners because there are no minority owners in professional sports — who seem to feel that black athletes have inherited their so-called "low mentality" and their strength from their "dumb" enslaved ancestors, whereas white athletes inherited their "advanced mentality" from their white ancestors. This sad idealism is unfortunate indeed

because all connected with sports suffer.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Mallett states, "I know that the black people had to work hard for their rights and many of these did not occur until the 1960 s. I know that there are a lot of people who discriminate against blacks for unjust reason. But, unfortunately, it works both ways." Mr. Mallett seems sincere in this final effort to understand the plight of blacks, but even to try to compare discrimination against minorities to that which whites might suffer shows he truly lacks any understanding of history. I am compelled by my sense of values to respect Mr. Mallett's opinions and boldness in expressing them. So I do not mean any

malice by making this statement — when the white race has gone through just one-thousandth of the injustices and discriminatory acts it has placed upon all minorities it may then begin to complain and compare its suffering to that of minorities.

I do not mean to suggest that whites be given a taste of their own medicine, for this course of action would not be moral. I do feel, in contrast, that all racism in mankind should cease; unfortunately, I know that this will never occur. We can, however, try to dilute the present racism as Mr. Mallett wants to suggest. This process will take much, much longer than 20 years.

Pamela A. Hamilton

.... strikes a low blow

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Mallett's article on the topic that racism has no color — true enough, racism does not have a color; but it has been more vivid among certain races. The thing that frightens me is that someone with the opportunity such as a news reporter takes a low blow at the black community and turns an article into a display of a personal gripe session.

On the topic of the "Black on Black Crime," the black community has an obligation to cater to the needs of blacks, whose needs obviously have been ignored in the past. Primarily, if you would think about it, other than the black media, who else has attempted to show a positive side of our community? It would aid you in several ways to understand the core and purposes within the community before writing on subjects of this nature. On the topic of Black Entertain-

ment Television, if it was not for networks of this nature, there would be dismissal of things to be offered by the race.

On the topic of Jesse Jackson and discrimination in sports, I have only two questions — how do you know that discrimination has not existed since the sixties? and have you taken a poll?

In conclusion, your weak attempt to critique activities within the black community is something you may need to look at in depth, instead of leaving it to what you hear on the radio, or see on a billboard. Because if that were the case, I would have fallen for your article. It may seem as though part of our destiny has been planned and altered by another race, but we live it.

I often feel that when an individual has nothing good to say about something, it is better not to say anything at all; and your article was definitely the case.

B.B. Craig

etc.

Observations: Politics, Palestine, TV, music and.....

By JACK WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

OBSERVATIONS . . . Despite the "slaying of the dragon," in Louisiana it's politics as usual. Gov. Buddy Roemer is recommending cuts that he knows the Legislature cannot accept. When it denies the cuts, Roemer will have no choice but to raise taxes and blame it on the uncooperative Legislature. Sound familiar? . . . Now — before the bond election — Mayor John Hussey first denied and then hinted that layoffs and cuts in city services might be forthcoming.

ing. Anyone want to guess what will happen after the bond election? . . . Shouldn't a politician whose views closely coincide with a particular political party join that party? Are you listening, Guv?

MORE OBSERVATIONS . . . Why does the state of Israel have the right to exist and the Palestinian state does not? Zionists claim the land was theirs originally. If the United States and the United Nations agree, then perhaps native Americans should speak to someone about the land on which the United Nations now sits. . . Also, why is

anyone who criticizes Israel blasted as being anti-Semitic and compared to Hitler?

TELEVISION . . . While growing up, did any of us realize that Daniel Boone was racist? . . . Is there a better show on television than *L.A. Law*? Is there a show worse than *Dynasty* or an actress worse than Joan Collins? . . . Golf is a fun game, but it's a bit boring for television coverage. . . Local news stations should offer 60-second public access commercials, where concerned citizens voice their opinion about some topic. Some larger cities have stations that offer this service

and Shreveport should have at least one station that does so. . . And why don't local stations offer editorials?

MUSIC . . . The new Talking Heads album is one of their best. . .

One of the best new groups is 10,000 Maniacs, a misleading name for a band that blends first folk, pop and rock music with socially relevant themes and great literary allusions. A standout on the *In My Tribe* lp is "Hey, Jack Kerouac" and "Gun Shy". . .

Most of the bars in the Shreveport music scene need better ventilation. Or at least a "no smoking" section. . .

SPORTS . . . I'm sorry all you Cubs fans, but the Yanks are going to take the Series in 5. . . There are four genuine contenders for the women's title at the French Open — Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Gabriela Sabatini. The men's side will see Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander in the final. Wilander's best chance of defeating Lendl is at the French. . .

Again, it's going to be the Lakers and the Celtics in a closely-matched NBA Championship, provided that both teams remain healthy. My head says the Lakers in seven. My heart says the Celtics in four.

Holiday in Dixie springs into action

By KATHY KYSAR
Staff writer

"It's a celebration of spring!" That, according to Ed Criswell, is what the Holiday in Dixie festival is all about. Criswell is a member of the Diplomats, which is a volunteer organization of 100 people who help with area festivals.

This ten-day event has been held annually since 1949. It will consist of over 75 activities including the \$1,000 treasure hunt.

According to Criswell, the treasure hunt "is a big thing in Shreveport." The treasure is a check for \$1,000 and daily clues will be given as to its whereabouts.

In his 12 years here, Criswell said, "They've had it taped to the bottom of a mailbox once, and they even had it stuck under the overpass out by the race track one time."

Down on the river front, there will be live music and a food festival, among other things. The

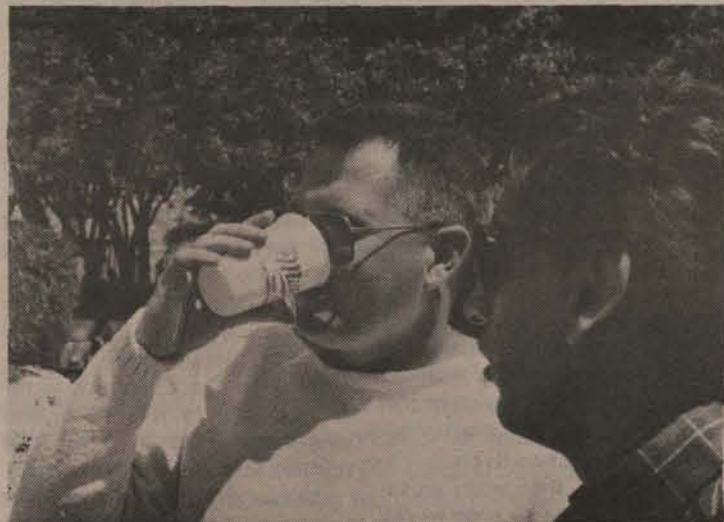
music will be provided by such groups as the Bayou Ramblers, Betty Lewis and the Executives, the Barksdale Air Force Band, Atchafalaya and Exit.

The food festival will consist of both traditional and local specialties including "a lot of Cajun food," said Criswell. "There will even be a Crawfish eating contest."

"The Doo Dah Parade is kind of like a New Orleans Mardi Gras type parade," said Criswell. It will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m.

This Spring fest, which attracts over 400,000 people, is sponsored by the Ark-La-Tex Ambassadors, Inc.

So get over those winter doldrums by attending the Holiday in Dixie, April 15-24. Criswell encourages everyone to come because "It's a good time, good entertainment, and it's just getting together with a lot of people and having a heck of a great time!"



Finley slams one.

photo by Kevin Jerome

COURAGE TO OVERCOME



You should have seen J.T. run. Even with the physical limitations he had to overcome, there was a special grace to his stride. But it was his face that captivated the observer. Such undaunted determination, such unbridled spirit was gripping, inspiring.

J.T. didn't win first place. Not even second. Fact is, he just avoided being last by about two steps. His victory was from within; through sheer will and effort, he transcended the disadvantages that fate and nature had imposed on him. He was every inch a winner.

The Louisiana Investor-Owned Electric Companies enthusiastically support the Special Olympics program. The courage shown by the competitors in overcoming personal adversities serves as a model for us all in today's difficult economic times. These plucky athletes convincingly demonstrate how to draw on other strengths when one facility is diminished.

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BSU pummeled

Dear Editor

In case you haven't noticed the BSU seems to be running LSUS, and I find this revolting. Last week there was a Christian band on campus. I don't know who invited them or what they were doing there, but they really sucked. The BSU seems to be involved with everything on campus, and I don't think it is right.

If the BSU does get control of this campus, I fear for the whole school because the BSU are a bunch of brainwashed plebes who do exactly what they are told. It's frightening to think there could be a Guyana growing right off our own campus. I'm sick of hearing about the BSU, and all I can say is don't let the BSU, B. S. you.

Larry Gibson

CBA council on the move

By LETHUY NGUYEN
Staff Writer

College of Business Administration students may now have a chance to put in their two-cents' worth.

The College of Business Administrative Students Advisory Council, established by Dean Lawrence S. Clark, was designed with both CBA students and administrative interests in mind. Its primary purpose is to improve communication between students and the administration of the CBA through the exchange of information, ideas, and recommendations.

According to Dr. Paul E. Merkle, associate professor of economics and finance and member of the advisory council, "The main function of this council is to give the college of business an opportunity to give its input on different issues; and the administration, in turn, receives it."

Membership is comprised of

Clark and Merkle, SGA senators/officers who are CBA students, and representatives from the following CBA student organizations: accounting club, ASPA club, MBA association, Pi Sigma Epsilon, and Rotoract.

The council is currently working on several projects including: a "Student vs. Professors" volleyball game, which will be scheduled at a later date and time, and improvements to make the CBA student lounge more comfortable for the students. A suggestion box will also be placed outside the business office for student and faculty input, and a display case outside of the office will contain current council information.

The council, though newly formed, is optimistic about the opportunity it has been given to allow the students and professors a real chance to be heard in the CBA.

"A lot of times students have a unique perspective. They need to be heard," Merkle said.

Boyd and Rowe return from D.C.

LSUS students Stephanie Boyd and Clayton Rowe have returned from Washington D.C., where both attended the 19th Annual Presidential Studies Symposium, sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency. Boyd and Rowe were competitively selected from numerous applicants to represent LSUS at the symposium.

Both Boyd and Rowe were able to see President Reagan give a speech on Friday, March 25, in the Old Executive Office Building. Reagan's speech to the students and the question-and-answer session that followed made national headlines when the president referred to Oliver North as a "hero" — the first comment the president had made regarding the issue since North and Admiral Poindexter had been indicted several days earlier.

Rowe, president of the

LSUS Student Government, and a senior majoring in history and political science, was one of 10 students whose essay on the presidency was given an award. Rowe's essay was entitled "Congress and the Presidency in American Foreign Policy: A Bicentennial Appraisal."

Boyd is a junior majoring in political science. Both she and Rowe are eligible to become 1988-89 Center Fellows. Center Fellows are chosen from among more than 600 participants in the symposium. If selected as a fellow, the student would be required to complete a major research paper by May, 1989. In the past, fellows have met with Attorney General Edwin Meese, Secretary of the Treasury James Baker, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and other key government leaders.



Students cool off at spring break

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campus profiles

Smith enjoys athletics

By ERIC BANKS
Managing Editor

Don Smith remembers the intramural seasons, almost 20 years ago, when he and other faculty created powerhouse teams. "For 15 years we had faculty representation in every sport — we won the basketball tournament several times," Smith said. "The math department, in particular, had some really good athletes. Old Stuart Mills, the head of the math department, could knock a softball a country mile." And Alvon Robinson could knock the ball slap to the wall," he said.

But the faculty intramural reign wouldn't last. Smith said student officials began to favor student teams as faculty domination grew. "During one football game, I and Joe Goerner (chemistry professor), the front linemen, got over 130 yards in penalties against us,"

Smith's list

Fun-thing-to-own, and it's free: "That little Mercedes convertible...the coup." *Presidential candidate:* Pat Robertson. *Vacation spot:* The beach or mountains. *Yosemite park.* *Definition of retirement:* "dead". *Historic figure for lunch and conversation:* Peter, Paul, or John (the disciples).

Smith said. "Even students on the other team said, 'Hey, let's just play ball,'" Smith said. "It got so bad for two years running that we just quit playing."

Smith no longer plays in organized sports but is still active. "Every chance I get, I go down to Fitness World — sometimes four and five times a week." I love the wet area and life cycles," he said.

A year ago, Smith lost 32 pounds after getting involved with Tae Kwan Do. Former student and fifth degree blackbelt, Jim Brumfield noticed Smith's ears turning red during a debate

between Smith and a student about extra points. "You've got bad blood pressure, pops," Brumfield told Smith.

Smith began to work out with Brumfield after discovering that his blood pressure was 200/160. "He worked one-on-one with me for three months," Smith said. Brumfield soon moved and Smith gained 16 pounds.

Smith is also a volleyball player. His backyard is pie-shaped and big. The garden sits next to the volleyball court and is often the victim of a spike.

Smith meticulously grooms the court, regularly painting the bounds lines and fertilizing the ground. And the garden, despite bearing the brunt of bad volleyballs, is a producer. Smith grows a little bit of everything, from turnips to potatoes.

Smith also enjoys watching sports...usually, though, during tournaments and playoffs only. On the court, he likes the Boston



photo by Kevin Jerome

Don Smith, athlete extraordinaire

Celtics, in the ballpark, the New York Yankees, and on the field, the Dallas Cowboys. "When the Cowboys played the Saints, I caught myself rooting for the Saints," he said.

Smith has taught at LSUS since 1968. He received a

bachelor of science degree in math education from Northwestern and in 1966, a masters in pure mathematics, also from Northwestern. In 1976, Smith received a PhD in college teaching of mathematics from North Texas State University.

LSUS student YWCA sought

By MARTHA BARKLEY
Staff Writer

"A small group of interested students can make a difference," said Elaine Zakarison.

The above statement is the premise behind the national student YWCA. Tuesday during the

free hour, Zakarison visited LSUS on behalf of the student YWCA as part of a tour of southern campuses. Her purpose is to educate students about the student YWCA and help establish chapters wherever possible.

Leadership development, community service and racial

justice are the basis of the organization. The student chapters are autonomous from the community YWCA's but can rely on the larger branches for support. The system is set up to aid the non-traditional student population (i.e. commuter students who are playing multiple roles — student, spouse, parent, etc.).

Any students interested in beginning a student YWCA should contact Erica Lindsay-Smith through the local YWCA chapter at 222-2116.



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Elaine Zakarison

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Tournament played

The softball tournament that was postponed at the start of the season was made up last weekend.

In the first round the Big Sticks squeaked by the Mercaptains 12-11. ATS-Cobra beat SOL 5-1 and Phi Van Halen-Fudpuckers stomped BMF 24-1.

In the second round ATS-Cobra received a bye. The Big Sticks won over PVH-Fudpuckers 10-7 and SOL used a homerun barrage from Chris McPherson, Mike Sullivan, J. Walker and 2

from Chris Daniels to win 17-1 over the Mercaptains.

The championship between the Big Sticks and ATS-Cobra was a classic. ATS-Cobra led 4-0 until the bottom of the fifth inning when the Big Sticks scored 7 runs to win 7-4.

In other weekend tournaments Kevin Jerome shot a 75 at Querbes golf course to win by two strokes over Keith Boler. Heath Ceranger finished forth and he was followed by Don Volexom.

Tourney set



The intramural softball tournament to decide which team will go to Baton Rouge will be held Wednesday, Thursday and the champ will be decided Monday.

The final full week saw some interesting developments. For example SOL avenged an earlier loss to BMF with three runs in the last inning to win 3-2. The winning streak did not last long as Little Rascals continued their unbeaten streak by beating SOL 8-1.

The Little Rascals then put it on Kappa Sig 14-1. CEO used five first inning runs and six in the last to hold on and beat the Kneewalkers 18-13.

In Co-rec the ZTA-Delta Sig team scored 4 runs in the second-

to-last inning to win 6-2 over Classe Mistada.

The Kneewalkers scored six runs in the second to-last-inning to beat Kappa Sigma 11-5. Phi Van Halen-Fudpuckers kept on romping with a 21-1 win over BMF.

Heading into the playoffs it looks like Fudpuckers and the Little Rascals will be the teams to beat.

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Two and a half body builders

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Teams vie for last place in East

By RODNEY MALLET
Sports Editor

The NBA playoffs start April 28, and all the playoff spots are filled except for the final spot in the East. Right now the battle is between the much improved New York Knicks and the unpredictable Washington Bullets. The Indiana Pacers are only a half game ahead of these two and the Philadelphia 76ers are trailing by two games.

The team that is in the driver's seat is the Knicks. Patrick Ewing is coming off a 42- and a 36-point week. The Knicks have been horrible on the road all year but Sunday they went to Washington, which was a game ahead at the time, and won by 20 points.

Then Monday night Central leading Detroit Pistons came to New York and lost in overtime. Washington showed composure Monday night. After losing to the Knicks they beat the Central's second-best team, Atlanta, on a last-second shot by Darrell Walker.

Of the six games the Knicks have remaining four of them will be in Madison Square Garden where the Knicks are hard to beat. Three of the games are against teams they are competing with for the final spot. They are at home against Washington and Indiana and away against Indiana.

Washington may have a pick up in their game since Bernard King returns to the line-up after seeing limited playing time because of a back injury. Moses

Malone always plays tough at crunch time and former LSU star John Williams is starting to get the hang of big-league basketball.

Indiana has the talent and coach to make a good showing in the playoffs but for some reason they cannot sew up a spot. Jack Ramsey took Portland to a championship before and with the strong inside game of Chuck Person and Waymon Tisdale to go along with outstanding point guard Vern Fleming the Pacers should have a much better record than what they have.

I know it seems weird for me to babble about the rush for the last playoff spot because it is a battle of the worse teams. But I have my reasons.

The New York Knicks are going to win it all. (if they make the playoffs.) The Knicks are young and talented. Ewing is an all-star center and has only been in the league five years and forward Kenny Walker has been their three. They have the rookie of the year as their starting guard in Mark Jackson who is averaging double figures in assists.

The Knicks are getting strong outside shooting from Johnny Newman and Trent Tucker who are both three-point threats. Sidney Green is playing like a monster on the boards as he led the team in rebounding three times last week.

Coming off their bench is center Bill Cartwright who is playing good basketball since returning from his foot injury. Johnny Newman scored 19 off the

bench against Washington.

If the Knicks do make the playoffs they will have a tough road to climb. They will be matched up against Boston in the first round. I seriously doubt if they will do any damage this year but you better get familiar with the names because next year they will kick butt.



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Joe Badt, senior, finance: "I blow-off class to go snow skiing or for some other good reason, but not just to skip class."

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